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Radio Is In For A Scrutiny

Congress to Investigate Broadcasting Systems

Outside Influence

Monopoly Is Also One of Allegations to Be Looked Into

Washington, Aug. 11.—(U.P.)—Congressional investigation of the federal communications commission and the radio broadcasting industry, a probe the administration is reported earnestly today because imminent today when the senate interstate commerce committee favorably reported a resolution authorizing such an inquiry.

The resolution was sponsored by Sen. Wallace H. White, Jr., R., Mo., and authorizes the committee to determine, among other things, whether the acts of the commission in broadcasting cases have been influenced by matters not apparent in the public records.

Wheeler Chairman Montana's Sen. Burton K. Wheeler who no longer sees eye to eye with the president on New Deal legislation and who helped scrap the chief executive's cherished supreme court reorganization program, is chairman of the committee.

The resolution authorizes the committee to investigate:

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Meades Bitter At Summary Dismissal

Former Assistant Chief Is Discharged From the Police Force

"No member of the police commission has yet had the guts to tell me or to tell the public why I have been fired from the police department, and I hereby challenge the commission as a whole, or any member of it, to come out and tell me or tell the public why my job was taken from me."

With this forceful assertion, Marion E. Meades, former Assistant Police Chief, who was ordered to turn in his badge and uniform yesterday, last night rested his case for the time being.

The police commission decreed his immediate dismissal yesterday "for the good of the department."

When Meades returned from his vacation week before last he was requested to hand in his resignation on Monday, August 2, to become effective August 15. He immediately wanted to know why his resignation was desired, and he called for a hearing before the police commission.

At the so-called "hearing," no charges were preferred against Meades, but the commission voted to discharge him, the discharge to become effective October 1 and his

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Boys Club Plans a Formal Opening Next Month

Plans for a big formal opening for the Elizabeth City Boys' Club were discussed last night by the board members and others, stunts and entertainment by members of the club, souvenirs and refreshments.

The building is now undergoing a thorough cleaning, and the club members have just been painted. Curtains for the windows are now being made in the WPA sewing room and should be ready to put up by the end of this week.

It is likely that the public will be invited to drop in and inspect the Boys Club quarters prior to the formal opening.

Director Chester James' attendance report for the month of July showed a total attendance of 2,427 as follows: gymnasium, 286; baths, 507; game rooms, 856; playground, 175; group meeting, 12; guests, 141; and miscellaneous (bike race) 53.

The director reported that attendance in the game rooms had been cut down materially during latter part of July because of the painting being done.

ABC Board Cracks Down On Dives

Faithful Brave Mosquito to Attend Service

The devil in the form of mosquitoes is interfering with the "Good News Gospel" tent meetings on Parsonage Street, in the rear of the S. L. Sheep School.

It is necessary to burn rags in pans to smoke the mosquitoes out, leading some passers by to wonder if smoking is permitted or whether the evangelist is giving his congregation a sample of the smoking hell featured by his cult? Anyway, the mosquitoes are making for a slim attendance, only the more faithful converts braving their stings.

Sheriff's Son Back From Hawaii

Marvine Carmine Says No Place Like Home; In Army Two Years

"They call Hawaii a 'modern Eden' and a 'paradise,' but I'll take Elizabeth City and the good old United States any time," said Marvin Carmine, son of Sheriff Charles Carmine, upon his arrival here yesterday after two years of Army service in Hawaii.

Young Carmine indicated, however, that it was not so much Hawaii as it was the Army's hard-boiled drill sergeants that he disliked.

Now 21 years old, Carmine joined the Army in June, 1935, upon the insistence of his father, who was finding it increasingly difficult to keep the boy out of trouble. He admitted yesterday that the Army had taken a lot of the devilishness out of him.

Altho he enlisted for three years he was able to obtain a discharge on June 26 because the Army now rates two years of foreign service equal to three years of service in this country. The government took care of his transportation back to Richmond, Va., where he enlisted. He came from Honolulu to the Brooklyn Army base on a

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Story of the Lost Colony Travels Far

Raleigh, Aug. 11.—(U.P.)—Literature on North Carolina's celebration of the birth of English civilization in America at Manteo today was dispatched to "12 little Americans" in Geneva, Switzerland to teach them the ideals of Americanism.

The story of the celebration and history of the first English settlers sent to America by Sir Walter Raleigh, in addition to other information on North Carolina, was sent in answer to a request by Miss Helen King Gethman, teacher of the American National Culture class of the international school at Geneva.

"Your anniversary celebration appears to me to be an interesting way of presenting the story of Virginia Dare (first child of English parentage in America) to my 12 little Americans who have lived abroad all their lives," Miss Gethman wrote.

War Of The Musicians Waits On Translator

New York, Aug. 11.—(U.P.)—The battle of sour notes between Jose Iturbi, fiery Spanish composer, and the American society of composers, was stalled temporarily tonight until somebody can find a translator to explain what Iturbi meant when he supposedly said American jazz was "trash."

Senor Iturbi, pacing his studio apartment and fretfully mopping his forehead, said he didn't mean anything by it.

"Trash?" he exclaimed. "I do not even know what the word means. It is ridiculous! I have been misquoted."

Down the street a few blocks S. C. Mills, spokesman for the American society of composers, authors and publishers, explained the reason for the Spanish composer's anxiety.

The society has demanded from Iturbi an explanation just what he did say when he cut short a broadcast at Philadelphia's Robin Hood Dell the other night while

Ten Submit On Liquor Charges; Detectives Were Too Smart

Used Girls

Detective Says Bootleggers Are Dumb; Drive to Be Continued

The Pasquotank County Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, with the co-operation of a Norfolk detective agency and the County Recorder's Court, served notice yesterday that it is more interested in the control of liquor than in the sale of liquor.

The notice came in the form of sentences imposed by Trial Justice W. C. Morse, Jr., on ten of the bootlegging gentry who had been snared thru the wiles of detectives employed by the ABC Board.

The ten defendants, who were arrested last Saturday on warrants sworn out by F. G. Jacobs, chairman of the ABC Board, were: C. D. (Keppy) Ferrell, Claude Campbell, Fred Long, Adam (Beefy) Layden, Gaston (Sprout) Miller, J. T. Farmer, Leslie

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Flora Named President N.C.F.A.

Local Fire Chief for 20 Years; Is a Real Smoke-Eater

There was rejoicing at the fire station here late yesterday when word was received from Greensboro that Chief Jerome B. Flora had been elected president of the North Carolina Firemen's Association.

It was the first time Chief Flora has ever attained the presidency of the State association, and his election made the local firemen, whose undying loyalty and love he has won, extremely happy.

Jerome Flora, known to the boys as 'Rome and Chief, joined the local volunteer fire department around 1912 and was elected chief in 1916. Shortly thereafter he joined the army and went overseas, but upon his return two years later he again was elected chief of the department, a position he has held ever since.

A born leader of men, Chief Flora has never asked his men to assume any risk which he himself would not assume, and he usually can be found in the forefront when the fire department is battling a stubborn blaze, attempting to resuscitate a drowned person, or performing any of its other duties.

Because of a serious illness several years ago his resistance was greatly weakened and he was advised to give up firefighting, but he still can be found in the thick of the fight when there is any danger.

Incidentally, besides being Fire Chief, Jerome Flora also manages to hold down the jobs of Mayor and City Manager.

Prodigy



ROXANNE HERRICK, 3, of Monroe, Mich., who has an intelligence quotient of 189, which is 54 points beyond that of a genius. Her teacher, Miss Myrtle Mosher, says the child has a vocabulary of an 8-year-old, as shown by a test.

Press Barred At Meeting Of CIO

Few Negroes, Many Whites Attend the 2nd Meeting Held In City

Newspaper men were excluded from the meeting called by C. I. O. leaders at Labor Hall on Parsonage Street, last night, to organize Negro workers in the plant of the Foreman-Derrickson Veneer Co.

The Negroes were just not there to be organized, less than a dozen showing up, altho in order to swell the attendance an invitation to the Negro workers in the Major & Loomis Mills at Hertford had been invited to attend the meeting.

A tall, black, personable Negro named Alex Wright, a member of the National Maritime Union, a C. I. O. affiliate, was brought out from Norfolk to talk to the Negroes. To a reporter for this

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Harbingers of the Circus In Town

The vanguard of Downie Brothers circus rolled into town last night in the form of four advertising cars. It is expected that their crews will begin work this morning plastering the town with posters against the coming of the big show to the city on August 27.

'Leopard Men Of Liberia' Wiped Out And Debunked

Dread Society That Was Said to Eat the Hearts of Its Victims Turned Out to Be Murderous Racket to Obtain Free Labor

Monrovia, Liberia, Aug. 11.—(U.P.)—The dread society of Leopard men, whose members have murdered scores of natives and allegedly eaten their hearts, was debunked by the government tonight as nothing more than a "black legion of the jungle."

The government began an immediate campaign to exterminate the organization, whose members dress in Leopard skins and are regarded by natives as supernatural.

They arrested 30 "Leopard Men," among them George Caine, Americo-Liberian, who was charged with being the founder of the society. An Americo-Liberian is a native of mixed blood, descended partly from native jungle tribes and partly from American Negroes who established the Republic of Liberia in the early 1800's.

Caine's purpose in organizing the society, authorities alleged, was to obtain free labor by terrorizing the natives. Thus, it was charged, a descendant of the slaves who found freedom in Liberia was himself establishing slavery there.

Intending to start coffee farms, the government said, Caine went to the wild Cape Mount section of northern Liberia. But he discovered soon that labor was not plentiful, because the natives preferred their accustomed way of life.

Warren Gives Details Of Presidential Visit Here

Chinese Suffer Reverse But Retain Hold On Pass

Japanese Onslaught Brings the First Pitched Battle

Nanking, Thursday, Aug. 12.—(U.P.)—Chinese armies still were holding the Nankow Pass north-west of Peiping today, the official Chinese central news agency reported.

It was admitted, however, that a Japanese cavalry column from Manchukuo had flanked the Chinese position and was attacking the Chinese right flank from the rear while the main Japanese forces battered away at the Chinese front lines.

Bomb The Town "Large formations of Japanese planes have bombed Nankow (or Nankou) for the past two days," the agency said.

Japanese Cavalry regiments which have occupied the eastern counties of Chahar province, adjacent to Japan's base in Manchukuo, have been withdrawn to participate in the Nankow offensive.

That a general war between China and Japan is under way both sides have admitted since early this week, but there still was no severance in diplomatic relations between the two powers and no indication that such a break would come soon.

Guard South Sector The major forces of the Japanese army in North China were battering away at Nankow, but sufficient men were kept on the southern sector of the northern front to ward off Chinese attacks along both the railways leading to the south.

A Japanese column from Manchukuo was reported to have

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County Gets 2 New School Buses

Pasquotank County has been allotted two new school buses by the State School commission, it was learned yesterday from County Superintendent M. P. Jennings.

The two new buses will be Fords and will accommodate around 60 children each. Mr. Jennings also hopes to be allotted a new body for one of the old buses. Meanwhile, the county's 18 school buses are being thoroughly checked and reconditioned in readiness for the opening of the county school in early September.

Slew Son And Left Body To The Buzzards

Belzoni, Miss., Aug. 11.—(U.P.)—Authorities took precautions to protect H. E. Barnett, a cotton tenant farmer, from an angry crowd of neighbors tonight after he had been indicted on a charge of murdering his 11-year-old son, Jordan, and exposing the body to buzzards.

Barnett, barefooted and his toll-seamed face beaded with sweat was led into the Humphrey County Grand Jury room and indicted on three charges—bigamy, assault and battery on a child and first degree murder.

The crowd muttered angrily at Barnett. The country folk said he always had been harsh to his two children. He had followed the buzzards to the body of his son

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Eyewitness Account Of First Major Battle

By F. M. FISHER

Japanese Field Headquarters, Changping, North China, Aug. 11.—(U.P.)—I stood on a hill top today and watched big Japanese field guns and huge, three-engined bombing planes, smash holes in the fortified lines of the Chinese 89th army through which shouting Nipponese infantrymen charged to the lower approaches of the Nankow Pass.

The city of Nankow, with its

great railway yards, was in flames tonight and the Japanese asserted that the Chinese were in full retreat along the Peiping-Suiyuan railway, opening the way to a Japanese advance to Kalgan.

It was the first great battle of the Chinese-Japanese war.

And Japan was winning it, it was indicated, by using tactics worked out by her own officers for the late Marshal Chang Tso-

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Legislative Duel Waged In Capital

Congress and President Are at Odds Over Wages-Hours and New Farm Bill; Blockade Is Threatened

Washington, Aug. 11.—(U.P.)—President Roosevelt engaged congress in another spectacular duel tonight over crop loans to buttress farm prices and his embattled wages-and-hours bill which is arousing party bitterness and threatening all plans for an early sine die adjournment.

House leaders were as confused as their weary colleagues at the close of another day of bewildering developments that found farm members threatening to block all legislation until their troubles with Mr. Roosevelt are adjusted satisfactorily.

One thing was plain and that was that Mr. Roosevelt, smarting under the licking the senate gave him on his supreme court bill, is following different strategy in his clash with the lower house.

On the other hand, the chief

Counties Can't Count On State Aid Any Longer

Gov. Hoey Says State Has Reached Capacity to Take Over Obligations

Wrightsville Beach, Aug. 11.—(U.P.)—Gov. Clyde R. Hoey told commissioners and accountants of North Carolina's 100 counties here today that "we have about reached the state's capacity to assume county obligations and perform county services."

The chief executive spoke at an annual meeting of the state association of commissioners and accountants, which convened here today.

"In recent years the state has assumed responsibility for many governmental agencies formerly conducted by the counties, thus relieving the counties of tax burdens hitherto imposed upon the taxpayers of the several counties for such activities as public schools and public roads—the construction and maintenance of the latter," he said.

"The reason was clear. This course was necessary if anything

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Streamlining of Princess Is Completed

Juliana of Holland Is Changed From Fat Girl to Beauty

Paris, Aug. 11.—(U.P.)—The three-months job of streamlining Holland's Crown Princess Juliana has been completed, her California slimming mentor reported tonight and the princess no longer is a fat girl but a "creature of dynamic beauty."

Where once she weighed 160 pounds, her avoirdupois now has been reduced to a neat 116½.

Gloria Bristol, who supervised the task of giving the crown princess body lines more appropriate to Hollywood than Holland, told her method in the Paris weekly "Marie Claire." The salary she re-

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To Pass Down Main Street On Way to Boat

Many In Party

Expresses Wish to See Pageant Here Afterward

Washington, Aug. 11.—(U.P.) Residents of Elizabeth City, N. C., will probably have two opportunities of seeing President Roosevelt in their home town on Wednesday, August 18, Congressman Lindsay C. Warren stated after a visit to the White House today.

Congressman Warren emerged from the White House smiling after conferring with the president for two hours on the reorganization bill and the president's scheduled speech on Roanoke Island, next Wednesday.

Wants To See Pageant

"The President is very anxious to see Paul Green's symphonic drama 'The Lost Colony,' Mr. Warren said. "He told me that no less than eight persons who have seen the pageant have called on him recently and have been extravagant in their praises of it. He said he feels that he must see it."

Congressman Warren said the President's speech at Fort Raleigh on Virginia Dare Day will probably be set for around three o'clock in the afternoon. The tentative itinerary is as follows:

Rides Down Main Street

The Presidential party will leave Washington on a special train shortly after midnight next Tuesday night and will arrive in Elizabeth City around breakfast time. The President will ride down the town's Main Street from the railroad station to the waterfront in an open automobile, thus affording the townspeople a better opportunity of seeing him.

The party will board some five or six 75-foot Coast Guard patrol boats at Elizabeth City and proceed on the boats to Roanoke Island, arriving there in time for lunch. If the President remains for the pageant that night, which is almost certain now, the party will leave immediately after the pageant by automobile for Elizabeth City, where they will board the special train for their return to Washington.

Accompanying Party

Mr. Warren said the Presidential party will probably consist of ten members of the White House staff, including Secretary Marvin McIntyre; a Congressional committee composed of five Senators and five Representatives; ten or 15 additional Congressmen, and a number of reporters and photographers.

Postmaster-General James A. Farley and his administrative assistant, Ambrose O'Connor, will motor here from Fayetteville. Other members of his official family will also accompany him. Col. E. W. Starling, chief of the White House Secret Service, will leave here Saturday for Manteo, N. C., where he will remain until after the President's visit.

Mrs. Emma Godwin Dies at Home In Williamston

Williamston, Aug. 11.—Mrs. Emma Godwin, prominent resident of this place, died at her home on Main Street at 3 o'clock today.

She was the widow of B. F. Godwin and a daughter of Adam Clark Wentz. She had lived here for the past 57 years.

Mrs. Godwin was 77 years old and survived by five sons, Louis W. Godwin of Farmville, Dr. Glover C. Godwin of Oak Park, Ill., Commander Donald C. Godwin of the U. S. Naval Academy, Vernon B. Godwin and Charles H. C. Godwin of Williamston; a brother, A. M. Wentz of Roper, and nine grandchildren.

Plans for the funeral await the arrival of her children.

TODAY'S LOCAL CALENDAR

A. M.
8:30 Mens Christian Federation
P. M.
8:00 Red Men; Troop 152 BSA;
Eastern Star; Choir practices
Library Hours: 10-12, 2-6.